

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

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P R 281700Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1259  
INFO DOD WASHDC  
USASAC ALEX VA  
USDAO KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: MILI, MASS, GB  
SUBJECT: ARMORED CARS

REF: LIBREVILLE 1017 DTG 261500Z APR 78

1) COMMANDER OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, GENERAL MARTIN, TELEPHONED  
AMBASSADOR LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 28 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN SORTING  
OUT APPARENT NEW SNAFU IN SHIPMENT FIVE REMAINING V-150 ARMORED  
CARS. PER REFTEL, GABONESE HAD DECIDED SHIP VEHICLES BY SEA AND  
HAD ATTEMPTED MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO THROUGH SNAT,  
GABONESE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. SNAT WORKS THROUGH FRENCH  
OUTFIT WITH INITIALS SCAC WHICH APPARENTLY HAS US OFFICE.  
SCAC US HAS REPORTED TO SCAC PARIS THAT SUPPLIER (CADILLAC  
GAGE) WILL NOT RELEASE MATERIAL. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION  
TELEX TEXT RECEIVED BY PRESIDENTIAL GUARD FROM SCAC PARIS, QUOTE:  
SCAC US TELEXED TO INFORM US THAT SUPPLIER CONTACTED (BUT) REFUSES  
TO ENTRUST OPERATION TO SCAC US FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON, "THIS  
MILITARY MATERIAL CANNOT BE ENTRUSTED TO A TRANSPORTER; THE  
OPERATIONS ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY"...END QUOTE

2) ALTHOUGH OUR IMAGINATION CAN CONJURE UP MANY POSSIBLE  
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REASONS FOR ARMORED CAR SHIPMENT NOT TO BE EFFECTUATED, REQUEST  
DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE HEDGES OF CADILLAC-GAGE AND INFORM US HIS  
RESPONSE SO THAT WE CAN GIVE FULL AND STRAIGHT STORY TO GENERAL  
MARTIN. IF THE IMPEDIMENT IS INDEED NEED FOR GABONESE GOVERNMENT  
ACTION PERHAPS AMBASSADOR MAMBOUKA SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED AND  
COULD LEND A HAND. TIENKEN

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## Message Attributes

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